

Paths to the Electroweak Theory

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Our picture of matter

Pointlike constituents ($r < 10^{-18}$ m)

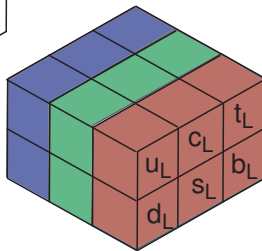
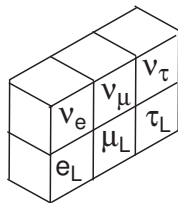
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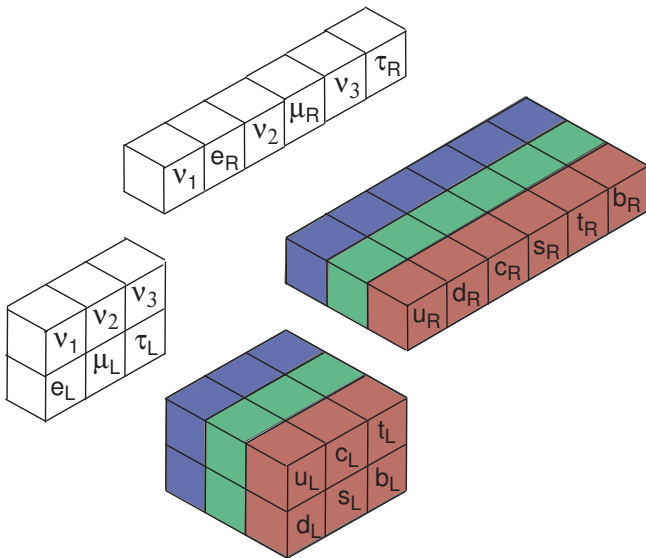
$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix}_L \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu^- \end{pmatrix}_L \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau^- \end{pmatrix}_L$$

Few fundamental forces, derived from gauge symmetries

$$\text{SU}(3)_c \otimes \text{SU}(2)_L \otimes \text{U}(1)_Y$$

Electroweak symmetry breaking: Higgs mechanism





How did we arrive here?

Discovery of β decay: H. Becquerel (1896)

—U salts fog wrapped photographic plates

Precursor: Abel Niépce de St.-Victor (1867)

Discovery of electron: J. J. Thomson (1897)

By 1905: Rutherford classifies α, β, γ radiation

$${}^A_Z X \rightarrow {}^A_{(Z+1)} Y + \beta^-$$

$${}^3_1\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3_2\text{He} + \beta^-, \quad n \rightarrow p + \beta^-, \quad {}^{214}_{82}\text{Pb} \rightarrow {}^{214}_{83}\text{Bi} + \beta^-$$

Why are β^+ decays less common? Cf. ${}^{64}_{29}\text{Cu}$

$$\alpha + {}^{26}_{13}\text{Al} \rightarrow {}^{30}_{15}\text{P}: \text{F. \& I. Joliot-Curie (1934)}$$

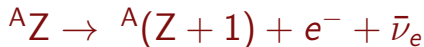
The β -decay energy crisis

β^- spectrum is continuous: J. Chadwick (1914)

Niels Bohr, May 1930: No argument for energy conservation in β -decay. What was he thinking?

Emmy Noether (1918): *Continuous (global) symmetry of the Lagrangian implies a conservation law. Translation in space and time implies conservation of momentum and energy.* [arXiv:1902.01989](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.01989)

Wolfgang Pauli, December 1930: “Dear Radioactive Ladies and Gentlemen, I have hit upon a desperate remedy regarding ... the continuous β -spectrum ...” ν



The neutrino in theory and experiment

Christmas–New Year 1933: Fermi presents his effective theory of weak interactions, inspired by Dirac's QED and incorporating the neutrino.

Cowan, Reines, et al. (1956) observe $\bar{\nu} + p \rightarrow e^+ + n$ at Savannah River, in rough agreement with Fermi's rate.

Parity violation in weak decays

1956 Wu *et al.*: correlation between spin vector \vec{J} of polarized ^{60}Co and direction \hat{p}_e of outgoing β particle

Parity leaves spin (axial vector) unchanged $\mathcal{P} : \vec{J} \rightarrow \vec{J}$

Parity reverses electron direction $\mathcal{P} : \hat{p}_e \rightarrow -\hat{p}_e$

Correlation $\vec{J} \cdot \hat{p}_e$ is *parity violating*

Late 1950s: (charged-current) weak interactions are left-handed

Parity links left-handed, right-handed ν ,

$$\nu_L \xrightarrow{\leftarrow} \mathcal{P} \xleftarrow{\leftarrow} \cancel{\nu_R}$$

\Rightarrow build a manifestly parity-violating theory with only ν_L .

Pauli's Reaction to the Downfall of Parity



to V. Weisskopf

Pauli's Reaction to the Downfall of Parity

*Es ist uns eine traurige Pflicht,
bekannt zu geben, daß unsere
langjährige ewige Freundin*

PARITY

*den 19. Januar 1957 nach kurzen
Leiden bei weiteren
experimentellen Eingriffen sanfte
entschlafen ist.*

Für die hinterbliebenen

$e \quad \mu \quad \nu$

*It is our sad duty to announce
that our loyal friend of many years*

PARITY

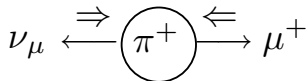
*went peacefully to her eternal rest
on the nineteenth of January
1957, after a short period of
suffering in the face of further
experimental interventions.*

For those who survive her,

$e \quad \mu \quad \nu$

How do we know ν is left-handed?

▷ ν_μ Measure μ^+ helicity in (spin-zero) $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$



$$h(\nu_\mu) = h(\mu^+)$$

Bardon, PRL **7**, 23 (1961); Possoz, PL **70B**, 265 (1977)

μ^+ forced to have “wrong” helicity

... inhibits decay, and inhibits $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e$ more

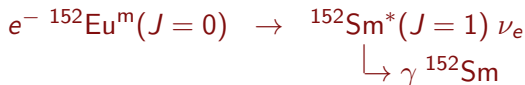
$$\Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e) / \Gamma(\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu) = 1.23 \times 10^{-4}$$

▷ Longitudinal pol. of recoil nucleus in $\mu^- {}^{12}\text{C}(J=0) \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{B}(J=1) \nu_\mu$

Infer $h(\nu_\mu)$ by angular momentum conservation

Roesch, *Am. J. Phys.* **50**, 931 (1981)

- ▷ ν_e Measure longitudinal polarization of recoil nucleus in



Infer $h(\nu_e)$ from γ polarization

Goldhaber, *Phys. Rev.* **109**, 1015 (1958)

- ▷ ν_τ Variety of determinations in $\tau \rightarrow \pi \nu_\tau$, $\tau \rightarrow \rho \nu_\tau$, etc.

e.g., Abe, *et al.* (SLD), *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **78**, 4691 (1997)

Charge conjugation is also violated ...

$$\nu_L \xrightarrow{\leftarrow} \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\leftarrow} \cancel{\nu_L}$$

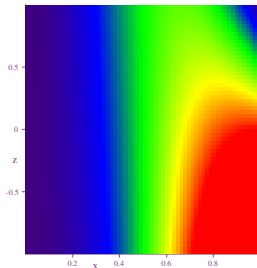
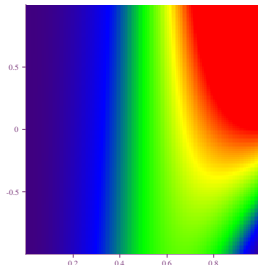
μ^\pm decay: angular distributions of e^\pm reversed

$$\frac{dN(\mu^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm + \dots)}{dx dz} = x^2(3 - 2x) \left[1 \pm z \frac{(2x - 1)}{(3 - 2x)} \right]$$

$$x \equiv p_e/p_e^{\max}, \quad z \equiv \hat{s}_\mu \cdot \hat{p}_e$$

e^+ follows μ^+ spin

e^- avoids μ^- spin



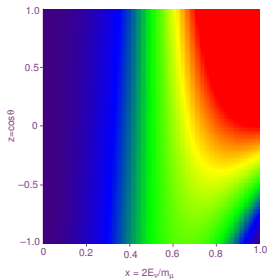
Consequences for neutrino factory

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_e$$

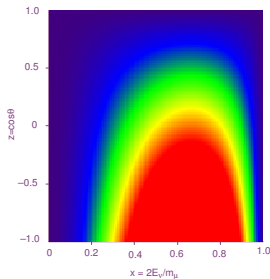
$$\frac{d^2 N_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}}{dx dz} = x^2 [(3 - 2x) - (1 - 2x)z], \quad x \equiv p_\nu / p_\nu^{\max}, \quad z \equiv \hat{p}_\nu \cdot \hat{s}_\mu$$

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_e$$

$$\frac{d^2 N_{\nu_e}}{dx dz} = 6x^2 [(1 - x)(1 - z)]$$



$\bar{\nu}_\mu$



ν_e

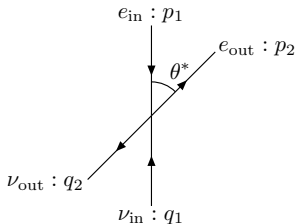
Effective Lagrangian ...

Late 1950s: current-current interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{V-A} = \frac{-G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\nu} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) e \bar{e} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu + \text{h.c.}$$

$$G_F = 1.16632 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Compute $\bar{\nu}e$ scattering amplitude:



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} = & -\frac{iG_F}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\nu}(\nu, q_1) \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u(e, p_1) \\ & \cdot \bar{u}(e, p_2) \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu(\nu, q_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{\nu}e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}e$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{V-A}(\bar{\nu}e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}e)}{d\Omega_{\text{cm}}} = \frac{|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2}{64\pi^2 s} = \frac{G_F^2 \cdot 2mE_\nu(1-z)^2}{16\pi^2} \quad z = \cos\theta^*$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{V-A}(\bar{\nu}e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}e) &= \frac{G_F^2 \cdot 2mE_\nu}{3\pi} \\ &\approx 0.574 \times 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2 \left(\frac{E_\nu}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

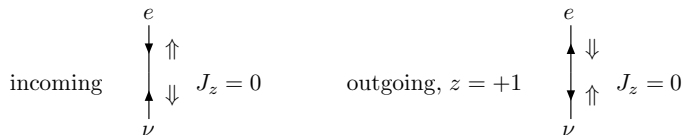
Small! $\approx 10^{-14} \sigma(pp)$ at 100 GeV

$$\nu e \rightarrow \nu e$$

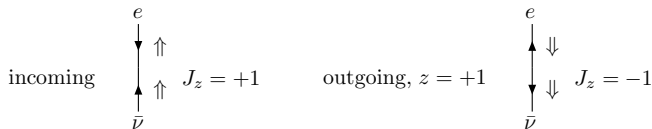
$$\frac{d\sigma_{V-A}(\nu e \rightarrow \nu e)}{d\Omega_{\text{cm}}} = \frac{G_F^2 \cdot 2mE_\nu}{4\pi^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{V-A}(\nu e \rightarrow \nu e) &= \frac{G_F^2 \cdot 2mE_\nu}{\pi} \\ &\approx 1.72 \times 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2 \left(\frac{E_\nu}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Why $3\times$ difference?



allowed at all angles



forbidden (angular momentum) at $z = +1$

1962: Lederman, Schwartz, Steinberger $\nu_\mu \neq \nu_e$

- ▷ Make HE $\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu$ beam
- ▷ Observe $\nu N \rightarrow \mu + \text{anything}$
- ▷ Don't observe $\nu N \rightarrow e + \text{anything}$

Danby, *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **9**, 36 (1962)

Suggests family structure

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix}_L \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu^- \end{pmatrix}_L$$

\approx no interactions known to cross boundaries

Generalize effective (current-current) Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{V-A}^{(e\mu)} = \frac{-G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \mu \bar{e} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu_e + \text{h.c.} ,$$

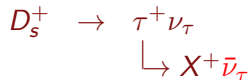
Compute muon decay rate

$$\Gamma(\mu \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\mu) = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192 \pi^3}$$

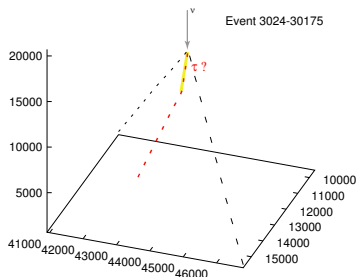
accounts for the 2.2- μ s muon lifetime

2000: DONuT Three-Neutrino Experiment

- ▷ Prompt (beam-dump) ν_τ beam produced in



- ▷ Observe $\nu_\tau N \rightarrow \tau + \text{anything}$ in emulsion; τ lifetime is 0.3 ps



Candidate event in ECC1. The three tracks with full emulsion data are shown. The red track shows a 100 mrad kink 4.5mm from the interaction vertex. The scale units are microns.

Kodama, *et al.*, *Phys. Lett.* **B504**, 218 (2001)

Cross section for inverse muon decay

$$\sigma(\nu_\mu e \rightarrow \mu \nu_e) = \sigma_{V-A}(\nu_e e \rightarrow \nu_e e) \left[1 - (m_\mu^2 - m_e^2)/2m_e E_\nu \right]^2$$

agrees with CHARM II, CCFR data ($E_\nu \lesssim 600$ GeV)

$$\text{PW unitarity: } |\mathcal{M}_J| < 1$$

$$V - A \text{ theory: } \mathcal{M}_0 = \frac{G_F \cdot 2m_e E_\nu}{\pi \sqrt{2}} \left[1 - \frac{(m_\mu^2 - m_e^2)}{2m_e E_\nu} \right]$$

satisfies pw unitarity for

$$E_\nu < \pi / G_F m_e \sqrt{2} \approx 3.7 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\Rightarrow V - A \text{ theory cannot be complete}$$

Physics must change below $\sqrt{s} \approx 600$ GeV

Universal weak couplings: *Rough and ready test*

Fermi constant from muon decay

$$G_\mu = \left[\frac{192\pi^3 \hbar}{\tau_\mu m_\mu^5} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1.1638 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Meticulous analysis yields $G_\mu = 1.16637(1) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

Fermi constant from tau decay

$$G_\tau = \left[\frac{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow e \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau)}{\Gamma(\tau \rightarrow \text{all})} \frac{192\pi^3 \hbar}{\tau_\tau m_\tau^5} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1.1642 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

Excellent agreement with $G_\beta = 1.16639(2) \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

Charged currents acting in leptonic and semileptonic interactions are of universal strength; \Rightarrow *universality of current-current form, or whatever lies behind it*

Formulate electroweak theory

Three crucial clues from experiment:

- Left-handed weak-isospin doublets,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}_L \quad \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}_L$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d' \end{pmatrix}_L \quad \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s' \end{pmatrix}_L \quad \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b' \end{pmatrix}_L ;$$

- Universal strength of the (charged-current) weak interactions;
- Idealization that neutrinos are massless.

First two clues suggest $SU(2)_L$ gauge symmetry

The Idea of Gauge Theories

Noether's Theorem II: Imposing a continuous symmetry *locally* implies a theory with interactions mediated by gauge bosons that couple to the conserved current d .

Hermann Weyl (1918–1929): Derive QED from a local QM phase symmetry. Charge is conserved. Photon is massless.

C. N. Yang and Robert Mills (1954): Proposed a gauge theory of nuclear forces based on local isospin symmetry.
Massless vector bosons.

Isospin-SU(2) \rightarrow color-SU(3): \leadsto QCD (early 1970s)

Through 1950s and 1960s ...

Continued interest in a Yang–Mills Theory of nuclear forces.

After $V - A$ description of weak interactions, interest in a gauge theory of weak interactions. Several gauge groups tried. Glashow explored $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$

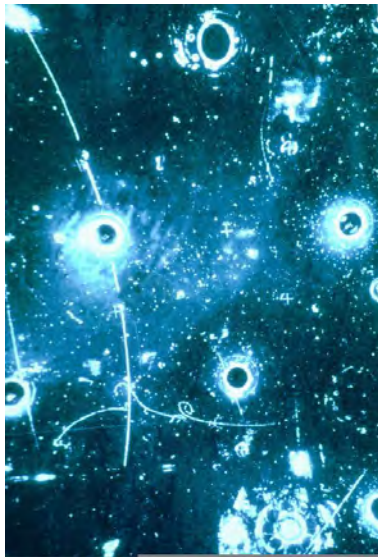
Two challenges: massive weak bosons, massive fermions.

Mass term $\mathcal{L}_e = -m_e(\bar{e}_R e_L + \bar{e}_L e_R) = -m_e \bar{e} e$ violates local gauge invariance. Slide 4.

Key insights: hidden symmetries, Meissner effect.
Brout, Englert, Higgs, Guralnik, Hagen, Kibble (1964)
Weinberg (1967) combined with $SU(2) \otimes U(1)$

- Electromagnetism is mediated by a massless photon, coupled to the electric charge;
- Mediator of charged-current weak interaction acquires a mass $M_W^2 = \pi\alpha/G_F\sqrt{2}\sin^2\theta_W$,
- Mediator of (new!) neutral-current weak interaction acquires mass $M_Z^2 = M_W^2/\cos^2\theta_W$;
- Massive neutral scalar particle, the Higgs boson, appears, but its mass is not predicted;
- Fermions can acquire mass—values not predicted.

Gargamelle $\bar{\nu}_\mu e$ event (1973)

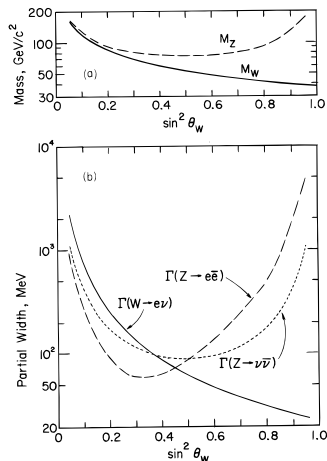


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Determine $\sin^2 \theta_W$ to predict M_W, M_Z

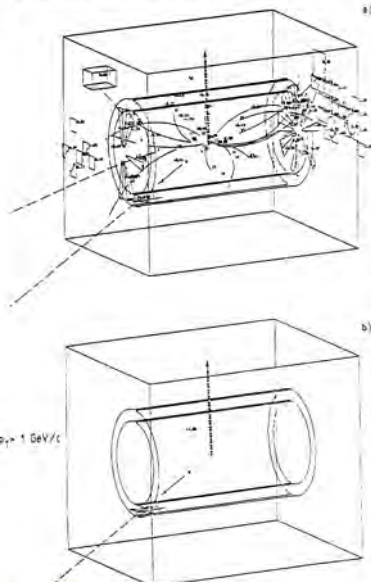
With a measurement of $\sin^2 \theta_W$, predict

$$M_W^2 = \pi\alpha / G_F \sqrt{2} \sin^2 \theta_W \approx (37.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2)^2 / \sin^2 \theta_W \quad M_Z^2 = M_W^2 / \cos^2 \theta_W$$



First Z from UA1

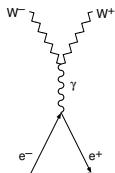
568 Intermediate Vector Bosons W^+ , W^- , and Z^0



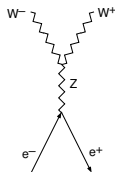
Why a Higgs boson must exist

▷ Role in canceling high-energy divergences

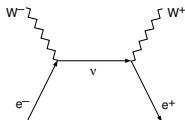
S -matrix analysis of $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$



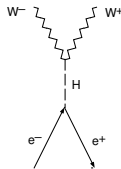
(a)



(b)



(c)

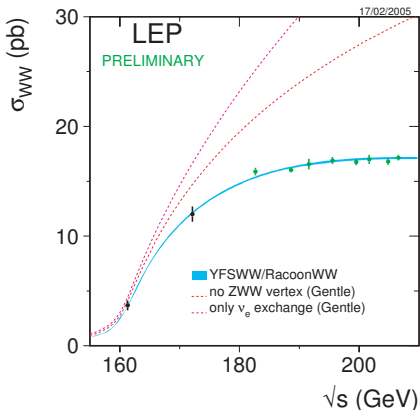
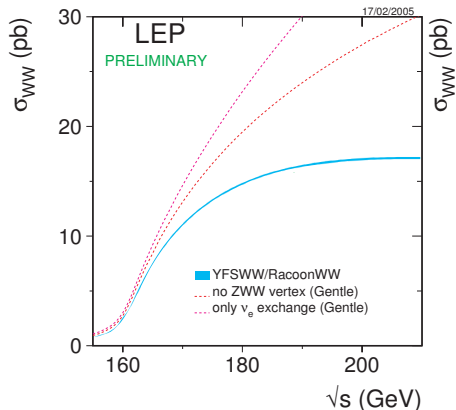


(d)

Individual $J = 1$ partial-wave amplitudes $\mathcal{M}_\gamma^{(1)}$, $\mathcal{M}_Z^{(1)}$, $\mathcal{M}_\nu^{(1)}$ have unacceptable high-energy behavior ($\propto s$)

... But sum is well-behaved

“Gauge cancellation” observed at LEP2 (Tevatron)



$J = 0$ amplitude exists because electrons have mass, and can be found in “wrong” helicity state

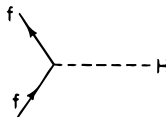
$$\mathcal{M}_\nu^{(0)} \propto s^{\frac{1}{2}} : \text{unacceptable HE behavior}$$

(no contributions from γ and Z)

This divergence is canceled by the Higgs-boson contribution

$$\Rightarrow He\bar{e} \text{ coupling must be } \propto m_e,$$

because “wrong-helicity” amplitudes $\propto m_e$



$$\frac{-im_f}{v} = -im_f(G_F\sqrt{2})^{1/2}$$

If the Higgs boson did not exist, something else would have to cure divergent behavior

If gauge symmetry were unbroken ...

- no Higgs boson
- no longitudinal gauge bosons
- no extreme divergences
- no wrong-helicity amplitudes

... and no viable low-energy phenomenology

In spontaneously broken theory ...

- gauge structure of couplings eliminates the most severe divergences
- lesser—but potentially fatal—divergence arises because the electron has mass ... due to the Higgs mechanism
- SSB provides its own cure—the Higgs boson

Similar interplay & compensation *must exist* in any acceptable theory

The importance of the 1-TeV scale

EW theory does not predict Higgs-boson mass

▷ Conditional *upper bound* from Unitarity

Compute amplitudes \mathcal{M} for gauge boson scattering at high energies, make a partial-wave decomposition **Most channels decouple** – pw amplitudes are small at all energies (except very near the particle poles, or at exponentially large energies) – $\forall M_H$.

Four interesting channels:

$$W_L^+ W_L^- \quad Z_L^0 Z_L^0 / \sqrt{2} \quad HH / \sqrt{2} \quad HZ_L^0$$

L : longitudinal, $1/\sqrt{2}$ for identical particles

Condition for Partial-wave unitarity $|a_0| \leq 1$

$$\Rightarrow M_H \leq \left(\frac{8\pi\sqrt{2}}{3G_F} \right)^{1/2} = 1 \text{ TeV}/c^2$$

- If the bound is respected

- ▶ weak interactions remain weak at all energies
- ▶ perturbation theory is everywhere reliable

- If the bound is violated

- ▶ perturbation theory breaks down
- ▶ weak interactions among W^\pm , Z , H become strong on 1-TeV scale

\Rightarrow features of *strong* interactions at GeV energies will characterize *electroweak* gauge boson interactions at TeV energies

New phenomena are to be found in the EW interactions at energies not much larger than 1 TeV

Electroweak interactions of quarks (one generation)

- Left-handed doublet

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & I_3 & Q & Y = 2(Q - I_3) & \\ L_q = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L & \frac{1}{2} & +\frac{2}{3} & & \frac{1}{3} \\ & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{3} & & \end{array}$$

- two right-handed singlets

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & I_3 & Q & Y = 2(Q - I_3) & \\ R_u = u_R & 0 & +\frac{2}{3} & & +\frac{4}{3} \\ R_d = d_R & 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & & -\frac{2}{3} \end{array}$$

Electroweak interactions of quarks

- CC interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{W-q} = \frac{-g}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[\bar{u} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) d W_\mu^+ + \bar{d} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) u W_\mu^- \right]$$

identical in form to $\mathcal{L}_{W-\ell}$: universality \Leftrightarrow weak isospin

- NC interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{Z-q} = \frac{-g}{4 \cos \theta_W} \sum_{i=u,d} \bar{q}_i \gamma^\mu [L_i(1 - \gamma_5) + R_i(1 + \gamma_5)] q_i Z_\mu$$

$$L_i = \tau_3 - 2Q_i \sin^2 \theta_W \quad R_i = -2Q_i \sin^2 \theta_W$$

equivalent in form (not numbers) to $\mathcal{L}_{Z-\ell}$

Trouble in Paradise

Universal $u \leftrightarrow d$, $\nu_e \leftrightarrow e$ *not quite right*

$$\text{Good: } \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L \rightarrow \text{Better: } \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d_\theta \end{pmatrix}_L$$

$$d_\theta \equiv d \cos \theta_C + s \sin \theta_C \quad \cos \theta_C = 0.9736 \pm 0.0010$$

“Cabibbo-rotated” doublet perfects CC interaction (up to small third-generation effects) but \Rightarrow serious trouble for NC

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{Z-q} = & \frac{-g}{4 \cos \theta_W} Z_\mu \{ \bar{u} \gamma^\mu [L_u(1 - \gamma_5) + R_u(1 + \gamma_5)] u \\ & + \bar{d} \gamma^\mu [L_d(1 - \gamma_5) + R_d(1 + \gamma_5)] d \cos^2 \theta_C \\ & + \bar{s} \gamma^\mu [L_d(1 - \gamma_5) + R_d(1 + \gamma_5)] s \sin^2 \theta_C \\ & + \bar{d} \gamma^\mu [L_d(1 - \gamma_5) + R_d(1 + \gamma_5)] s \sin \theta_C \cos \theta_C \\ & + \bar{s} \gamma^\mu [L_d(1 - \gamma_5) + R_d(1 + \gamma_5)] d \sin \theta_C \cos \theta_C \} \end{aligned}$$

Glashow-Iliopoulos-Maiani

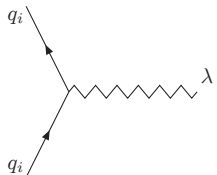
two LH doublets: $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix}_L$ $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu^- \end{pmatrix}_L$ $\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d_\theta \end{pmatrix}_L$ $\begin{pmatrix} c \\ s_\theta \end{pmatrix}_L$

$$(s_\theta = s \cos \theta_C - d \sin \theta_C)$$

+ right-handed singlets, e_R , μ_R , u_R , d_R , c_R , s_R

Required new charmed quark, c

Cross terms vanish in \mathcal{L}_{Z-q} ,



$$\frac{-ig}{4 \cos \theta_W} \gamma_\lambda [(1 - \gamma_5)L_i + (1 + \gamma_5)R_i] \quad ,$$

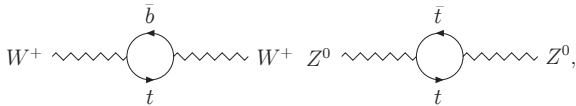
$$L_i = \tau_3 - 2Q_i \sin^2 \theta_W \quad R_i = -2Q_i \sin^2 \theta_W$$

flavor-diagonal interaction!

Experimental clues to the Higgs-boson mass

Sensitivity of EW observables to m_t gave early indications for massive top

Quantum corrections to SM predictions for M_W and M_Z arise from different quark loops



$$\dots \text{alter the link } \underbrace{M_W^2}_{(80.398 \pm 0.025 \text{ GeV})^2} = \underbrace{M_Z^2 (1 - \sin^2 \theta_W)}_{(80.939 \text{ GeV})^2} (1 - \Delta\rho)$$

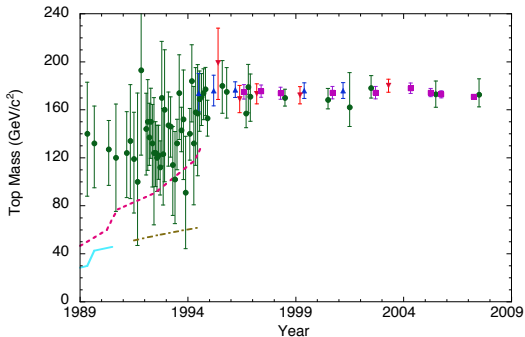
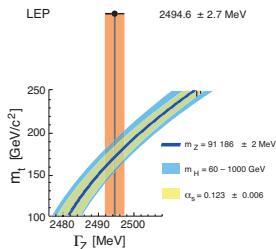
$$\text{where } \Delta\rho \approx \Delta\rho^{(\text{quarks})} = 3G_F m_t^2 / 8\pi^2 \sqrt{2}$$

Strong dependence on m_t^2 accounts for precision of m_t estimates derived from EW observables

Tevatron: $\delta m_t / m_t \approx 1.28\%$... Look beyond quark loops to next most important quantum corrections: *Higgs-boson effects*

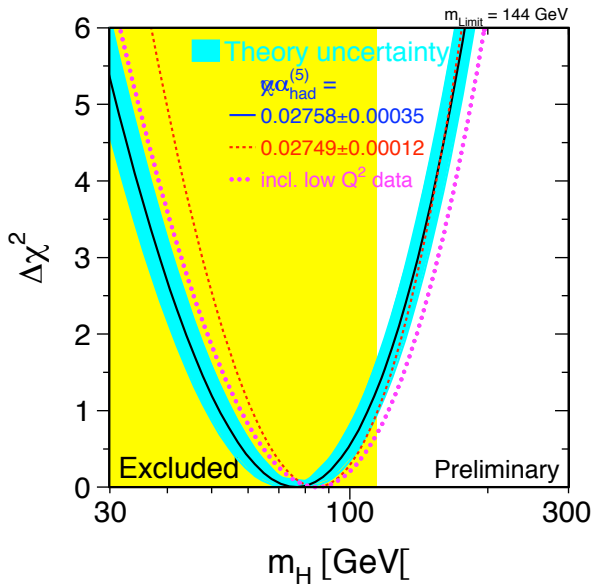
Global fits to precision EW measurements

- precision improves with time / calculations improve with time

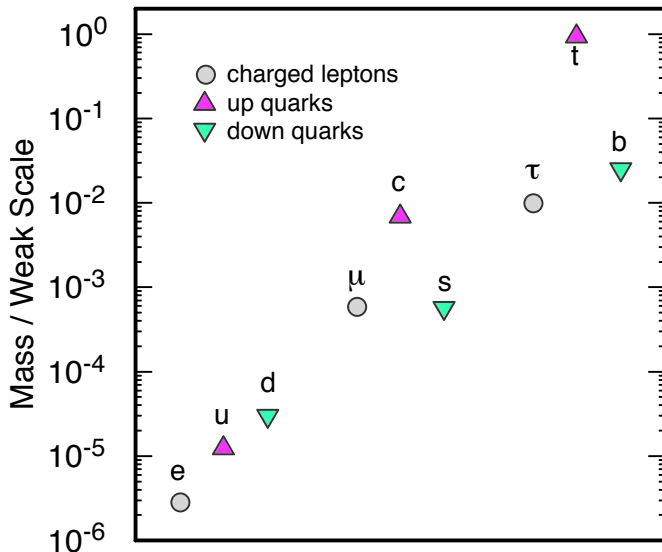


11.94, LEPEWWG: $m_t = 178 \pm 11_{-19}^{+18} \text{ GeV}/c^2$

Direct measurements: $m_t = 170.9 \pm 1.8 \text{ GeV}/c^2$



Yukawa couplings (mass eigenstates) ζ_f^{diag}



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What LHC has taught us about the Higgs Boson

Evidence is developing as it would for a “standard-model” Higgs boson

Unstable neutral particle with $M_H = 125.10 \pm 0.14$ GeV

Decays to W^+W^- , ZZ implicate H as agent of EWSB

Decay to $\gamma\gamma$ as expected (loop-level) Indirect constraint on Γ_H

Dominant spin-parity $J^P = 0^+$

$Ht\bar{t}$ coupling from gg fusion, $t\bar{t}H$ production link to fermion mass origin

$\tau^+\tau^-$ and $b\bar{b}$ at expected rates

Only third-generation fermion couplings observed; $\mu^+\mu^-$ evidence

reconnaissance \rightsquigarrow search-and-discovery \rightsquigarrow forensic investigation

Questions about EWSB and the Higgs Sector

- 1 Is $H(125)$ the only member of its clan? Might there be others—charged or neutral—at higher or lower masses?
- 2 Does $H(125)$ fully account for electroweak symmetry breaking? Does it match standard-model branching fractions to gauge bosons? Are absolute couplings to W and Z as expected in the standard model?
- 3 All production rates as expected? Surprise sources of $H(125)$?
- 4 What accounts for the immense range of fermion masses?
- 5 Is the Higgs field the only source of fermion masses? Are fermion couplings proportional to fermion masses? How can we detect $H \rightarrow c\bar{c}$? $e^+e^-??$ (basis of chemistry)
- 6 What role does the Higgs field play in generating neutrino masses?

More questions about EWSB and the Higgs Sector

- 7 Can we establish or exclude decays to new particles? Does $H(125)$ act as a portal to hidden sectors? When can we measure Γ_H ?
- 8 Do loop-induced decays ($gg, \gamma\gamma, \gamma Z$) occur at standard-model rates?
- 9 What can we learn from rare decays ($J/\psi \gamma, \Upsilon \gamma, \dots$)?
- 10 Does the EW vacuum seem stable, or suggest a new physics scale?
- 11 Can we find signs of new strong dynamics or (partial) compositeness?
- 12 Can we establish the HHH trilinear self-coupling?
- 13 How well can we test the notion that H regulates Higgs–Goldstone scattering, i.e., tames the high-energy behavior of WW scattering?
- 14 Is the electroweak phase transition first-order?

See Dawson, Englert, Plehn, arXiv:1808.01324 \leadsto *Phys. Rep.*

Fermion mass is accommodated, not explained

- All fermion masses \sim physics beyond the standard model!
- $\zeta_t \approx 1$ $\zeta_e \approx 3 \times 10^{-6}$ $\zeta_\nu \approx 10^{-10} ??$

What accounts for the range and values of the Yukawa couplings?

- There may be *other sources* of neutrino mass